

## FAMOUS FRENCH ARTIST WILL FINISH PAINTINGS

Charles Hoffbrauer to Return to Work on Confederate Memorial Institute.

HAS BEEN FIGHTING GERMAN

Served in Camouflage Division at Western Front and in Italy—Expects to Complete Task Some Time This Year.

Charles Hoffbrauer is to finish the paintings begun by him in the Confederate Memorial Institute before the war in Europe started. This has been announced by J. Taylor Ellyson, chairman of the committee in charge of the work.

Mr. Hoffbrauer, one of the most celebrated artists of France, left the work at the time his country was invaded by the Germans. Since then he has fought in France, Belgium and Italy, being connected most of the time with the camouflage forces, whose duties were to deceive the Hun. For a long time after his departure nothing was heard from him, and it was feared that he had been killed.

OTHER ARTISTS UNABLE TO COMPLETE PICTURES

Then an effort was made to get some other artist to finish the work. Several came here, but, after viewing the unfinished paintings, none would undertake the job, pleading that no other artist could do justice to the incomplete work of the master.

The incomplete paintings represent different branches of the Confederate military service. One represents General Robert E. Lee surrounded by other leaders of the Confederate army. A second shows Stonewall Jackson watching his troops go into action. A third is of General J. E. B. Stuart and his forces.

It is expected that the paintings will be completed this year.

### ASK LESS PENALTY

Effort Being Made to Have Governor Act in Case of W. A. Hinton.

An effort is being made to get the penalties inflicted on W. A. Hinton, who pleaded guilty ten days ago in Hustings Court, Part II, to a charge of importing liquor in his automobile from Baltimore, reduced. He was fined \$100, with a jail sentence of one month attached and his car was confiscated. Judge Wells is convinced that Hinton imported the liquor for private use and not as merchandise.

The matter was explained to Governor Davis by the judge and it is probable that the penalty will be reduced.

## REVEAL ERROR IN REPORT OF TESTIMONY BY LESTER

Secret Service Man Did Not State J. J. Dickinson Aided Hun After 1916.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Printing of the official transcript of testimony of J. J. Dickinson, before the Senate committee investigating German propaganda, has disclosed an error in the Associated Press statement by Captain Lester regarding the employment of J. J. Dickinson in Washington by George Sylvester Viereck, before the United States entered the war.

Mr. Dickinson was employed in 1916, and in response to questions stated there was nothing in his investigation to show any German connections or German activities by Dickinson after February, 1917.

The error, occurring in the report of a discussion by Captain Lester of a letter written to President Wilson after the United States went to war, in which Viereck protested loyalty, attributed to the witness the statement that it was only short time after writing this letter that Viereck came to Washington and employed Dickinson as his secret agent to obtain information from the United States.

Mr. Dickinson appeared before the committee on January 17 at his own request, and testified that he was employed by Viereck to write articles for the Fatherland in 1916, and that he severed the connection when the United States broke relations with Germany.

FRESH EGGS NOW SELLING AT 50 CENTS PER DOZEN

Several Other Dealers Offered Them for as Low as Forty Cents—Wholesale Price Drops.

Fresh eggs have declined in price, but it depends on what store you water to. The price you will be asked to pay. Most merchants are selling them for 50 cents a dozen; a few are selling them for 40 cents, and some others, evidently not keeping up with the market price, or not coming down with them, are asking 60 cents.

Paddlers from the country seemed not to have heard that egg prices had declined, for some of them yesterday asked 60 cents a dozen just after they had come in. After they had been in the city some time they were content to take less. The retail price in the principal country towns around Richmond is said to be 40 cents. The wholesale price on Cary Street yesterday was from 40 to 41 cents.

The Week's Weather.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are:

South Atlantic States—Fair, except rain about Tuesday or Wednesday; nearly normal temperatures.

## MORE THAN ONE MILLION PRIVATES MUSTERED OUT

Corrected Casualty List Reduces Number of Men Missing in Action From 10,000 to 7,783.

DEMobilIZATION PROGRESSING

Number of American Troops to Be Brought Back From France This Month Expected to Reach Total of 100,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Last week's casualty report, showing more than 10,000 men of the expeditionary force missing in action, has been corrected to make the total 7,783.

General March said to-day General Pershing had reported the new total with the information that the figures were being reduced by from 100 to 200 names per day as a result of the checking of records in the central records offices in France.

At the same time General Pershing gave the War Department new totals of casualties in the First and Second Divisions, the marine brigade, in the latter being included. The First Division had a total of killed, died of wounds, missing and prisoners of 3,243; the Second Division's total was 5,260.

ON THE HOME STRETCH

General March said to-day that demobilization in the United States was on the "home stretch." Up to yesterday a total of 67,028 officers and 1,632,812 men had been discharged, while the total ordered for discharge had reached 1,412,000.

The demobilization machinery is now at such a point of efficiency and operation, the chief of staff explained, that it is capable of handling more men than Pershing can possibly send, with available shipping, General March said.

Of troops in the United States only the overhead detachments which must

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be maintained for future demobilization returning units, will be left. Up to the end of January 235,821 men had been returned from France.

The War Department estimates that 150,000 will be returned in February. This is an increase of 15,000 over the January total, due largely to the transformation of cargo vessels into transports.

General March said that fifty-one cargo ships had been ordered converted and that the first of these were now coming into service.

NOT ADVISED AS TO USE OF GERMAN LINES

The War Department had not been advised that negotiations for German liners to carry home American troops have been concluded, General March said. No definite estimates as to the ships which will be obtained, or the time when they will be available, or their carrying capacity are now at hand.

The greatest military camp in the world will be established at Brest when plans for extension of embarkation facilities there have been completed. General March said Brest would be the backbone of the American demobilization effort. It is estimated that 51 per cent of the soldiers sent back to the United States up to date, its capacity for 30,000 men is to be doubled.

## ALLIES LAUNCH ATTACK ON BOLSHEVIST FORCES

British and Russian Troops Are Supported by American Machine Gunners.

ARCHANGEL, Friday, February 7.—British and Russian troops, supported by American machine-gun and trench-mortar units, began an attack at 10 o'clock this morning against the Bolsheviks on the Petrograd road south of Kadish. There have been no final reports on the result of the fighting.

The infantry went forward after the Canadian artillery had silenced the enemy artillery in a bombardment of several hours. The attack was made for the purpose of protecting the American positions at Srednakenga, about thirty miles eastward, from a tank attack.

The Bolsheviks are shelling the American positions in the Vaga sector continuously.

Seek New York Youth.

The parents of Herman Herman, a fourteen-year-old boy, of 6 East Hundred and Fourteenth Street, New York, have written to this city in an endeavor to locate their son. The boy disappeared last October and is believed to have come to Virginia. He is described as having black hair, gray eyes and being of medium build.

Frank Bracken, believed to live near Logansport, Ind., and Elmer Redkey, Ind., were suffocated. The floor of the building occupied by the hotel. Damage to the building small.

Seek Boys for the Farms. Farmers of Virginia are willing to pay boys for farm work from \$18 to \$20 per month and board and lodging and offers to this effect are on file at the Virginia headquarters of the Boys' Work and Reserve. Several boys have already been placed in Henrico County and they are doing satisfactory work.

HOTEL FIRE FATAL TO TWO

Eight Others in Hospital—Result of Blaze in Indianapolis House.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8.—Two men are dead and eight others are in a local hospital as the result of a fire in the Palace Hotel here early to-day.

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